

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
June 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m.

June 14, 2010, the regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia. The following members were present:

Mayor Larry Yates

Council Members:

Michael Harris
Diana Reedy
Rocky Wood
Johnnie Branham
Barry Whitt

Council Members Absent: None

ITEMS # I & II

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Moment of Silences

ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda.

With no additions or changes made to the agenda the motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy and seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the agenda. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- May 3 2011 Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Yates entertained a motion for approval. A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time the Council was presented for approval the following:

- Current listing of payables due for June 2011
- May 011 financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 2011 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 10322-10356
- May 2010 Profit & Loss Report

After inspection of the May 2011 financial report, a motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham, seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to accept the revenue and expenditures financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Police Activity Report – Patrolman Bobby Edwards gave an oral summary of the calls for service and investigations for the month of May. He reported the following:

DUI	01	DIP	01
Traffic Summons	40	Parking Tickets	0
Business Checks 06		Business Escorts	0
Vehicle Stops	39	Assist Motorist	12
Incidents Reports 09		Felony Investigation	5 hrs
Warning Issues 04		Stationary Radar	37.50
Shoplifting	01	Warrant Served	10
Warnings Issued 05		Driving Suspended	02
Other Arrest	09	Accidents Investigations	04

Patrolman Edwards also informed the council the town had applied for a COPS, Bullet Proof Vest, and AED grants. This COPS grant would allow the town to hire an additional officer. The bullet proof vest grant is a 50/50 match.

- B. Approval and adoption of \$265,154 budget for fiscal year 2011-12

Mayor Yates stated the Council had received a copy of the FY 2011-2012 budget, and no changes had been made. He said a public hearing had been held, and the next step is to approve the budget.

Motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to approve the FY 2011-2012 budget. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

- C. Splashdam Property

Mayor Yates reported last week he met with Mr. Walt Crickmer, GobCo. He said Mr. Crickmer has a binding contract with the Forest Land Group, and Alpha Natural Resource to reclaim any old gob piles in Southwest Virginia, Eastern Kentucky, and Tennessee. Mayor Yates stated economically Mr. Crickmer does not think there are enough minerals located on the Splashdam site to remove. After their meeting Mr. Crickmer will discuss with his business partners to release the clause in the town's deed which will allow the mineral to be recovered. He said Craig Kaderavek, Forest Land Group has implied if GobCo does not want to reclaim the Splashdam area, the Forest Land Group may be willing to release the town.

- D. Appalachian Natural Gas

Mayor Yates reported the Appalachian Natural Gas project is still a go, and Mr. Dio Herra, Project Manager, Appalachian Natural Gas, has been assigned to the town. An engineering firm has been hired to help with installation of the gas lines in the town. The current plan is to tap into the Range Resource line next to the Haysi Presbyterian Church.

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked has the gas company decided to locate the lines in front or behind town?

Mayor Yates said it is to his understanding from past conversations to locate the lines at the edge of the street.

ITEM # VII – MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Heat Pump

Mayor Yates mention the one of the heat pumps in the building is down. The heat pump is a 5 ton 1992 model. The unit down cools the downstairs and part of the upstairs and police department. He said he had started receiving proposal on a new unit, and also cost to repair the unit. One vendor has already submitted

their proposal. He said the proposal stated it would cost \$6480.00 to replace the inside and outside unit and \$2368.00 to fix the compressor. Mayor Yates stated he is the process of getting at least two other proposal.

Council Member Johnnie Branham suggested having the unit fixed.

Revitalization Project

- Mayor Yates reported Thompson and Litton are doing downtown survey work.
- Management Team Meeting will be held Thursday, June 16, at 5 PM. These meetings are held monthly, and he encourages everyone who can to attend.
- The façade letters were mailed today.
- Proposal for bids have been mailed to appraisers on the theater building.

Workshop

Mayor Yates mentioned he needed to attend a workshop in Staunton, Virginia hosted by DHCD. The workshop is mandatory.

Other Items

Mayor Yates reported the following items:

- Sandlick Homecoming will be held June 18-19.
- Attended a meeting June 9, with the Spearhead Trail Folk, and the project is moving forward.
- Town wide yard sale and bike ride was a success. Vendors were located throughout the town and approximately 15 rides for the bike ride.
- The Heartwood Center is scheduled to open the week of June 20.
- On June 24, 2011, 6:00 PM, someone will be on hand at the Haysi gazebo to discuss civil war medical techniques. This will correspond with Echoes in the Canyon Civil War Reenactment and Living History held in the Breaks Park June 25-26.
- The farmers market has started slow, but should progress as season goes along.
- The visitor center at the Breaks Park now has a touch screen keyoski. The keyoski has the capability to link to the town's website.

ITEM # VIII – COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked will someone contact business owners about the location of the electric, and if possible meet with Mr. Price.

Mayor Yates replied someone should be in contact with business owners after Thompson and Litton finishes the survey, and he said he would try to get a meeting scheduled with Mr. Eric Price.

Council Member Johnnie Branham mentioned the site distance at the high school needs to be cut.

Mayor Yates suggested contacting VDOT about the site distance. The form is located on the town's web page.

Mayor Yates asked is there were any other council comments.

No further comments.

ITEM # IX – NEW BUSINESS

Schedule of Public Hearing-Regional Water Supply

The motion was made by Council Member Rock Wood, seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to schedule a public hearing for the Regional Water Supply July 5th, at 6:45 PM, in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Request for donation Haysi Little League

Tabled until next month

Request for donation Relay for life

Tabled until next month

Request for donation –Haysi Beta Club-Nation Beta Club

Ramona Duncan said she had spoken with Mr. Kevin Minion, Haysi Beta Club Sponsor and he had informed her there are six students from Haysi attending the National Beta Club Convention, and the cost per student is \$450.00. She said Mr. Minion would appreciate any donation to the club.

With no further discussion the motion was by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded by Rocky Wood to donate \$450.00 to Haysi Beta Club. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

COPS Grant

Mayor Yates said due to the deadline, he made the discussion to apply for the COPS grant. If awarded the grant, the grant will allow the town to hire an additional officer. The grant will pay for the officer for three years, and the fourth year the town will be obligated to fund the position.

Council Member Johnnie Branham mentioned basically the grant is a 25% match.

Mayor Yates replied “yes”

Mayor Yates said if the town was award the grant this would allow the town to have 120 hours of police coverage for the town per week which will still leave the town short of coverage 48 hours. Also, if awarded this grant scheduling would be made easier for Chief George Wallace to use his grandfathered time.

Council Member Rocky Wood inquired is the town still going to hire a part-time police officer.

Mayor Yates replied he was waiting to hear from the grant, before proceed with part-time officer.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked what happens after the town pays for the one year.

Mayor Yates replied the town could continue with the position or after one year remove the position.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked after the four years is up can the town reapply?

Mayor Yates replied this is something the town would have to wait and see if the grant was offered again.

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked is another police officer needed.

Mayor Yates replied again with three officers the town still would be short 48 hours of coverage per week.

With no further discussion the council decided to revisit the COPS grant if and when the town receives the grant.

Vacancy-Haysi Town Council

Mayor Yates stated Council Member Joe Sperow resigned his position in May. The council needs to appoint someone to fill his position until a special election can be held in November. He said Ms. Susan Tiller is interested in fill this position.

Motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded by Rocky Wood to appoint Ms. Susan Tiller to the council until the special election in November.

Line of Duty Act-VML

Mayor Yates stated the LODA has been designated to the localities in the event of a death, dismemberment, or disability of a police officer while on duty. The town compensation and liability insurance does not cover these items. The LODA covers full and part-time police officers and volunteer firefighters. The town is not obligated to participate, but if an incident occurs, then the town could be liable. The cost for the insurance is \$200.00 per police officer per year, and \$75.00 per firefighter per year. The fire department is optional.

Council Member Johnnie Branham stated he did not think it would be fair for the town to cover the police department and not the fire department.

Mayor Yates said he agreed, but the police department is on the town insurance the fire department is on the county insurance.

Council Member Diane Reedy asked if the county does not cover the fire department can the town add the department at a later date.

Mayor Yates replied since the fire department is not on the town's policy I don't know if the department can be added.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham and seconded by Council Member Diane to enroll the police department in the LODA with VML. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Hazardous Duty-VRS

Mayor Yates said it was to his understanding if an officer is covered under hazardous duty, the officer can retire at an earlier age.

Patrolman Bobby Edwards stated an officer can retire with 20-25 years of service.

Mayor Yates said the extra benefit only applies up until your original retirement age, and then officers loose it.

Patrolman Bobby Edwards replied once an officer reaches a normal retirement age, it takes over from the age of 50 up to original retirement age.

Mayor Yates said in order to enroll in hazardous duty; VRS has to do a study. The cost of the study is \$1250.00. The study will let the town know what the VRS contribution will be raised to. Currently, the VRS contribution is 14.16%. Mayor Yates said when speaking with VRS, they will not give an estimate on what the increase but the percentage will be larger than 14.16%. The increase is based the age of an employee, how much the employee has paid into VRS, and other factors. Is the town willing to gamble \$1250.00 to do a study to see if the town can afford an increase or does the town feel 14.16% is all financial the town can afford.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked is this a multiplier system.

Mayor Yates replied yes. He said with speaking with VRS, they have insinuated most small entities cannot afford the increase.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to keep VRS benefits as is. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting. Also, let the record show Council Member Rocky Wood voted Nay to the motion.

ITEM # X - PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ITEM # XI – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, the motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded Council Member Johnnie Branham to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk